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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4/1,4/2,5,6,7,13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4/3,8-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

FINAL REJECTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4/1 (claim 4 depend on claim 1), 4/2, 5, 6, 7, 13 are all rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Naidu et al US Patent No. 5,144,564. (Same reference as that of the first office action but with different figure.)

Claims read onto Naidu et al teaching as follows:

The claims:	Naidu et al teaching:
<p>1. (Currently amended) A system for controlling a permanent magnet motor comprising:</p> <p>a motor controller,</p> <p>said motor controller using phase currents of the permanent magnet electric motor <u>at a preset speed ω</u> to generate voltage-controlling signals</p>	<p>Fig. 8 shows a system for controlling a permanent magnet motor; column 1, line 10 states "Permanent Magnet Synchronous machines", which is a PM motor;</p> <p>Fig. 8 shows a microprocessor 22 (a rotor position and speed controller), which is a motor controller;</p> <p>Fig. 8 shows current sensors for sensing two motor phase currents at a preset speed, and a calculation circuit 31 for calculating the third motor phase current based on the currents from the two phase currents at that preset speed;</p>

<p>[in relation to both] <u>used to obtain</u> changes in [speed ω and] torque T of the permanent magnet electric motor;</p> <p>a power stage,</p> <p>said power stage receiving the voltage-controlling signals from the motor controller and feeding them back to the permanent magnet electric motor.</p>	<p>the microprocessor 22 generates sinusoidal signals SINθ_e and COSθ_e; the SINθ_e and COSθ_e are voltage-controlling signals at the preset speed;</p> <p>the microprocessor 22 also generates a preset speed signal ω_e;</p> <p>it is noted that the switches 60-70 are switched to a rotation mode, see column 7, line 9;</p> <p>it is further noted that any speed is a "preset speed" because the "preset speed" is mathematically undefined;</p> <p>the motor speed and motor torque are related, thus, the signals SINθ_e, COSθ_e and ω_e are used to obtain changes in torque T;</p> <p>Fig. 8 shows a vector rotator 54, a 2ϕ-3ϕ converter 53, a hysteresis band controller 58, and an inverter 60; the vector rotator 54, the converter 53, the band controller 58 and the inverter 60 all together constitute a power stage;</p> <p>the vector rotator 54 receives the SINθ_e and COSθ_e signals and combines these signals with a triangular high frequency signal I_q^{e*} or with a speed difference signal to control the motor phase current via inverter 60; this type of control is a feed-back type of control as claimed.</p>
<p>2. (Original) The system for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 1, wherein said permanent magnet electric motor is a</p>	<p>column 2, lines 19-20 states "a typical permanent magnet synchronous machine", which is a three-phase permanent magnet electric motor;</p>

<p>three-phase permanent magnet electric motor provided with a rotor and a stator, each one of the phases thereof carrying a current, i_a, i_b and i_c respectively.</p>	<p>this type of motor has a rotor and a stator, the stator windings are shown in Fig. 6, however, the rotor is not shown;</p> <p>column 3, line 9 states "three phase current signals".</p>
<p>4. (Currently amended) The system for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to any one of claims 1 to 3, said system continuously responding to changes of <u>the preset</u> speed and torque of the permanent magnet electric motor as well as to changes in ambient conditions.</p>	<p>as explained previously with respect to claim 1, the motor speed and torque are related;</p> <p>further, the motor current relates to motor torque and motor speed;</p> <p>the motor current is also a function of motor temperature;</p> <p>thus, the motor current is a function of motor speed, motor torque, and motor temperature; namely $i = f(\omega, t, T)$;</p> <p>in view of the foregoing, the motor current, the motor speed, the motor torque, and the motor temperature are all related to each other, and any one signal changed will affect the other signals to change;</p> <p>it is noted that the motor temperature depends on ambient condition;</p> <p>thus, when rotor rotation changes continuously, the $\sin\theta_e$ and $\cos\theta_e$ signals also changed continuously at the preset speed, and all other parameters also changed continuously at the preset speed.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>a method claim similar to the system of claim 1.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Fig. 8 shows current sensors for sensing two motor phase currents, and a calculation circuit 31 for calculating the third motor phase current based on the currents from the two phase currents.</p>

<p>7. (Previously presented) The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 5, further comprising computing a current torque T of the permanent magnet electric motor.</p>	<p>based on the examiner's best understanding, the Fig. 8 circuit includes a HBCC controller 58, this controller controls motor current because there are current inputs ia, ib, ic inputted to the controller 58; the current input signals related to motor torque T.</p>
<p>13. (Previously presented) The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 5, wherein</p> <p>constants are set based on a number of parameters selected in the group comprising</p> <p>a sampling rate of a computer to be used,</p> <p>conditions of power drive,</p> <p>sensitivity of current sensors for current measurements and</p> <p>characteristics of the permanent magnet electric motor.</p>	<p>the current input ia, ib, ic are constants related to conditions of power drive;</p> <p>the high frequency current reference signals I_q^e and I_d^e are constant of the characteristics of the permanent magnet electric motor;</p> <p>it is noted that claim 13 is claiming "selected in the group comprising", therefore, if one constant is selected, the claimed limitation is met.</p>

3. Claims 3, 4/3 and 8-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 14-16 are allowable.

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5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Bentsu Ro at telephone number 571 272-2072.

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